


**NEW DEAL" HAS MADE
POSSIBLE GREATER XMAS
SPIRIT THROUGHOUT STATE**

Sales Record as AFL Convention Delegate



Part of Merchants and Workers, Who Refer to Tax as "Picking Pockets of The Poor"—Revival of Activities Seek To Boost Construction Industry—St. Lawrence and TVA Projects Discussed.

By JAMES P. CONLON

may, I spent at any time witnessed one money agent's office in Miami during this year. In the city and often visited between 1921 and 1922. I saw money agents in Miami, St. Augustine, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Jacksonville, Orlando, Gainesville, and everywhere, merchants made the total sales were during that year at any time since 1922.

What a contrast with the last three years when merchants were down in one month, many of them being in financial straits and unable to pay their bills.

WILLIAM D. MAHON

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in the Amalgamated Association of 19 years, President Mahon has been one of the main pillars of the association and it is principally through his efforts that we have grown from 100 members to 1,000 members in the Amalgamated Association of 19 years ago. He has been one of the outstanding labor leaders in the country. Before he became a member of the Amalgamated Association 15 years ago, he was active and active in carrying on the fight for better working conditions for all workers. More than half a century ago, he threw his strength unflinchingly into the miners' strike of 1892.

Henry Hebert, in Charge of Organizing Campaign in Biddeford Saco District, Discusses Conditions and Expresses Hope Action by Textile Relations and New Stretch-Out Boards Will Remedy Long Existing Abuses.

As a man and our highground
as a leader, we hope and pray
we will be spared to us for man's
to come—Motorman and Con
er.

Since the strike, hundreds of new
members have joined the United Tex-
tile Workers of America. Three new
locals have recently been formed
under the Ironworkers' Local 2102,
Saco Local 2399 and Biddeford
Local 2418, which is also composed

ers report they are told if they do
not work when the mill needs them,
they will not get another job in the
mill.

I stand strongly on my conviction
that the strike we had in September
will bring about better conditions

Wages Entertained For Strike Settlements In Massachusetts

Entertained by Strike Semeants in Massachusetts

Procter Mass. Div. IS—At a time when the strike, strong hopes are entertained in this section that it will be broken by the men at Lowell and Dudley, which have been on for several weeks. The American Woolen Co. has closed its mill in Lowell, having been unable to obtain satisfactory offers of work. Industry officials of the Lowell mill have been told that the company will not take a little strike in this section as a precedent.

move to the mill on Sunday, December 28rd, my attention was called by several members, who saw some men at work in the Peppermill. Codes are not being lived up to, many of the work-

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To all Textile Workers, there is but one solution: Organize! Organize! Organize!

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are the workers into making
differences between those of
State Board of Arbitration, offi-
the union, and the manage-
of the Stevens Linen Mills in
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ical, held last Sunday, the com-
offer made by the manage-
to settle the strike, was reject-
a vote of 315 to 5. Contrary to
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**BIG BUSINESS BLAMED BY RICHBURG
FOR FAILURE IN BRINGING ABOUT
RECOVERY UNDER TERMS OF NRA**

Says Inability on the Part of Business to Organize and Exercise Its Own Control Systems for Harmonizing Industry, is Most Regrettable—Says Insincere Agencies Sought to Evade Real Purpose of NRA.

overnor Ely, against which the protest was made by Secretary Edward J. Watt, of the Massachusetts Board of Health, are still before themselves obnoxious, and at next meeting of the Massachusetts Council, a strong protest was

That the NRA has failed to fulfill the expectations of its inception was the surprising announcement made this week by Dr. Richard B. Fisher, Director of the National Emergency Council, at Washington. With characteristic caution, however, Mr.

cal control could not effectively supplant voluntary assent and cordial cooperation. But notwithstanding all this, Mr. Richberg's intent, it was not expressed, to continue the NRA policies of industrial regulation and control.

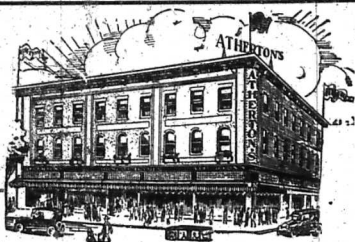
as a strikebreakers in the two
the foundations of a better economic
system contained in the principles
which had been sought to be estab-
lished through the NRA. Its failure
to produce the desired and expected
results, he said, was due in a large
measure to the failure, or refusal, of
tendency of some manufacturers to
utilize the code for their own personal
and selfish ends, losing sight alto-
gether of the humanitarian purpose
for which the code was enacted,
which had brought the code into ex-
istence. Under the shield of Govern-
ment authority, as sanctioned by the

work in State institutions, including hospitals. "Upwards of 5,000 would be given the privilege of properly using the leisure time of their own government and would be provided for 3,000 more people," according to a statement by the self-government.

The Federal officials also, failed to mark up to their opportunities and to give the right direction. The inability of business to organize and exercise its own control system, for the harmonizing of industry, was re-

to evade the real purposes of the NRA while using its strict letter of interpretation to work injury to their competitors. Cooperation and good faith are essential to the success of the act. He also fired a shot at the National Association of Manufacturers, ridiculing

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PORTLAND C. L. U. NAMES COMMITTEE TO ASSIST STATE BRANCH, A. F. OF L. SECRETARY DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Notifies President's Birthday Ball Committee Organization Will Cooperate in Arranging For Annual Celebration - Criticizes Maine Publishing Company for Hiring Out-of-Town Music for Food Sale - Election of Officers

Principal features which made the December 5th meeting of the Portland Central Labor Union one of the most interesting held in some time was action taken on legislative proposals to be submitted to the next Legislature, and the appointment of a committee to assist Legislative Agent Charles H. Burgess of the State Federation of Labor during his visit to the State House during the sitting of the next Legislature. Delegates named for this purpose were P. J. Storey, E. H. Silvester, C. A. Waldron and Frank C. McDonald. The Portland C. L. U. is greatly interested in bills to be presented at the next Assembly, as a goodly portion of these were resolutions presented at the State Federation convention, held in Augusta last June.

President's Birthday Ball
The secretary was instructed to notify Matthew Wool, secretary of the Labor Committee on the President's birthday ball, to be held January 20, reassuring him that the C. L. U. would assist the Citizens Committee of this city, and to get information concerning the handling of 70 percent of the proceeds, which is to be left in the communities where celebrations are held. Charles O. Beals, Commissioner of Labor, addressed the meeting, during which the committee was organized, and the secretary was instructed to get information concerning the handling of 70 percent of the proceeds, which is to be left in the communities where celebrations are held.

Out-of-Town Music at Food Sale
Much unfavorable comment was made when one of the delegates made the announcement that the general supporting the food sale sponsored by the Portland, Maine, Publishing Co. had used outside music in the carrying out of their program during the food sale week. The delegates were

MORE STREET CARMEN WILL LOSE JOBS IF SERVICE IS DISCONTINUED BY PROPOSED WASHINGTON AVE. PLAN

Committee Representing Division 714 Secures Cooperation of Governor Brann, Who Favors Retention of Electric Trolley Service - Union Loses Charter Member by Death - Speeding Up Traffic Causes More Lay-offs.

One of the principal matters of interest to Division 714, Street Carriers' Union, for some time has been the Washington avenue project, whether or not the rails will be replaced and street car service continued, or whether the avenue is re-surfaced. The fact that Federal aid is likely to be forthcoming for the work is done, gave us hope for a maintenance of the service.

Accordingly, a committee from Local 714, consisting of President Woodside, E. Nichols and T. Bruno, went to Augusta and waited on Governor Brann in the matter. They brought back an encouraging report, though nothing definite.

Later Gov. Brann wrote to Mr. Deering, chairman of the Portland City Council, requesting the Council to give the matter due consideration and give various reasons why the electric road should be retained. Among the reasons given was the number of railroad men that would lose their jobs if the road was abandoned.

Over to the speeding up of the running time on Congress street, and alterations on the Cape Line combined, Frank Steele, Johnnie Steele and Fred Loyne have been laid off. For some time during the day, the road trip on Congress street, a distance of 2.66 miles, has been allowed 16 minutes. Throughout the day this has been cut to 42 minutes. During the rush hour, from 4 to 7, the 46-minute service is retained. From 7 to 12, the running time is now 40 minutes.

While Inspector Wallace has been checking up on this new adventure, Starter Bobby Wainwright has been doing his work, and Johnnie Steele, one of the laid-off men, has been filling Bobby's place in the Square.

Among the Local's successful deer hunters are George Olinstead and E. L. Hamlin. Thus far, Blahnik and Parrott are on the unsuccessful list, with one attempt each.

On Wednesday, November 22, Mr. E. H. Sheard, one of the charter members of Local 714, died in his home on Ocean street, South Portland. He was alone in the house at the time and was discovered by Mrs. Sheard as she stepped into the hall on returning from an outside errand. He had been in his usual health, as he worked about the home during the day.

Mr. Sheard was born in West Paris,

strongly urged to express their dissatisfaction to their merchants so that Portland unionists will be used in preference to outside parties when the next show is held.

Progress was reported in the "We Don't Patronize" campaign against Keith's, Cason, Portland, Cason and Deering Theater, and the delegates intend to continue their drive until these employers show a willingness to deal with the theatrical unions.

Discus Sales Tax
There was considerable discussion concerning the sales tax, and the central body decided to adhere in its previous action, which was opposed to any sales tax.

C. L. U. Nominates Officers to Be Elected at Jan. 2nd Meeting

The following officers were nominated at the December 5th meeting. The election will be held at the meeting on Wednesday, January 2nd. For president, Patrick J. Storey; Ed. H. Silvester and Lester A. Braddon. For vice-president, Thomas Maguire. For recording and financial secretary, Frank C. McDonald. For sergeant-at-arms, Alphonse Corbin.

For trustees, E. H. Silvester, H. W. Ingraham and Daniel Woods. President Pigeon, who was nominated for that office, declined after stating that he had tried to serve faithfully for the past four years and desired to be relieved of all responsibilities at this time.

From which place his family moved to Gorham, N. H., when he was quite young, remaining there until 16 years ago, when he came to Portland.

He was one of the first to enter the employ of the Cape Elizabeth Electric Railroad and continued with the Portland Railroad Company and the Cumberland County Power and Light Co. until he retired on pension, June 1, 1921.

Mr. Sheard was a member of Mt.

Sheet Metal Workers Have Entertainment After Meeting

Sheet Metal Workers and Roders Local 95 had an enjoyable entertainment after their meeting at the lodge rooms in Carpenters Hall Dec. 7. There was a large gathering of members and representatives of other organizations in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Walter Fernald and after brief addresses, the entertainment committee consisting of President Fernald, Treasurer Frank and Secretary Walsh, in view of their guests to participate in a repast of delicious clam chowder, and whet and beer. A wonderful time which lasted until the closing hours of the morning, was enjoyed by all.

Dan Collins Speaks to Central Maine Railroad Employees

A large joint meeting of the Central Maine and the State Federation of Labor in the near future. They have organizations in Portland, Bangor and Waterville, and report excellent progress in their campaign.

Strand Theater's New Policy With Stage Shows Big Innovation

The management of the Strand Theater in Portland is being commended by union men for its recent inauguration of a double feature program, whereby a stage show is presented with a feature picture, in that this new policy provides employment for a goodly number of Musicians, Stage Hands, Motion Picture Operators and others.

Since the inception of the stage shows at the Strand, there has been a good attendance at all performances, and in fact capacity audiences are to be found at one or more performances every day.

Portland union men and their families, as well as members of the organization, who patronize Portland theaters, are among the regular patrons at the Strand, as well as other union operated theaters of the city, of which more will be said in the next issue. The Empire theater, which features picture exclusively, is also a union house, operated by the same management as the Strand.

Vernon Chapter Royal Arch Masons, A. A. Masons, Commandery and a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge at Gorham, N. H. He was an active member of the Chapter of the Masonic.

He is the last member of his family and is survived by his wife, who was the former Emma E. Child. The funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Portland, the Masonic services being held at the same place.

Interment was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

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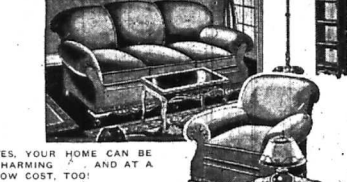
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Attempting To Scuttle Social Insurance

Prompted by President Roosevelt's Declaration, Big Business Prepares to Act in Getting Ready Program "Based on Sound Business Principles"

According to a recent announcement, a group of corporation executives, whipped into action by President Roosevelt's declaration that unemployment insurance would be given a prominent place in his program of social insurance legislation, is mobilizing the officials of big business to draw up an unemployment insurance plan "based on sound business principles" for presentation to Congress as soon as the President's recommendation is submitted.

The announcement says that big business executives are fearful that "jockeying" in congressional committees and on the floor of the Senate and House of Representatives "might produce a measure detrimental to business interests." Therefore, they are going to save the day for social progress and the jobless by persuading Congress to write a law favorable to business executives for the benefit of business.

These business executives are the same men who, through their ownership and control of American industry and commerce, were largely responsible for conditions which put more than 10 million adults out of work and reduced them and their families to destitution.

They are the same men who have taken the lead in so thoroughly sabotaging, in the interest of profits, the President's re-employment program under the National Industrial Recovery Act, that for month after month the number of jobless has increased until it now stands at nearly eleven million.

According to the views expressed by these overlords of employment opportunities, one would conclude that the object of unemployment insurance is to benefit business instead of the jobless. Of course, the reverse is true.

The duty of Congress is to enact a liberal unemployment insurance measure that will live up to its title and become the basis for affording adequate relief for the jobless during specific periods of unemployment, regardless of its effect on business. Organized labor will use all of its influence to see that such legislation is enacted.

When such a law is passed, it will be the job of business executives to adjust their businesses to the terms of the law. If they cannot do it, they can certainly give more efficient managers an opportunity to forge ahead under principles that promote social progress and justice.

With this great object in view, relying upon the business executives who are held responsible for the unemployed army to prepare "sound" measures on unemployment insurance, would be about as sane as to call a conference of those who managed our banks into nation-wide bankruptcy to develop a "sound" banking system.

Federal Insurance Mortgages

Under New Plan Private Capital To Take Up Work of General Housing Construction.

Washington is anxious to get the work of building construction under way, and the sooner the better. So anxious has the Administration become in this respect, that it is proposed to offer Federal insurance of mortgages up to the full cost of low-priced buildings, erected under the government's general new housing plan. James A. Moffett, Housing Administrator, is understood to have issued notice to this effect within the last few days. This main object is to induce private capital to take up the work of general housing construction which has thus far lagged through uncertainty over the business outlook for the country in general.

In this offering to practically issue government bonds for ordinary mortgages, the last reasonable care of the builders and contractors should be removed. The problem is now passed on to the actual owner, present or future, of the homes thus intended to be built. It is also emphasized that the government wishes to aid private capital, and

does not intend to enter the field of competition against it.

Mortgages are to run for a maximum period of 30 years. Financing may be undertaken by private capital, municipalities, States or by the Federal government. The Administrator will have the power to govern as to rates, interest charges and general method of procedure.

Pensions Are Frailties of Human Nature

This is View Taken by Employer, Who Believes Impoverishment, Not Poverty, is Cause for Aged People Seeking Assistance From the State

Speaking in favor of old age pensions to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce the other day, P. W. Litchfield, president of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., laid the need of such pensions to the frailties of human nature.

"There are an abundance of well-established insurance companies," said Mr. Litchfield, "which will assist almost anyone in providing against the wants of declining years. As a matter of theory, every individual should accumulate a fund for his old age. But theory runs into fact; and there is a large percentage of the public which is given to procrastination when it comes to setting up reserves to meet the inevitable."

Someone should tell Mr. Litchfield that it makes little difference whether the public is impotent or not. A decided majority of the public has no chance to provide for its declining years. Wages of enormous bodies of workers are too low to leave any margin against the future; and there are still ten millions of persons who would like to be workers who have no wages at all.

Mr. Litchfield has progressed beyond some of his plan, else he would not favor old age pensions on any account. But the real argument for these pensions is not the "impoverishment" of the workers; but their low pay and the frequency and duration of the periods in which they have no pay.

A. F. of L. Opposed to Bureaucratic Rules

Federation on Record Against Letting Down Bars of Immigration During Depression—Opposes Giving the Secretary of Labor Discretionary Powers

The American Federation of Labor has gone officially on record as being against letting down the bars of immigration during the depression. Attempts to emasculate the mandatory provisions of such laws by placing a blanket discretionary power in the hands of the Secretary of Labor failed to receive approval in the last session of Congress.

Persecution of certain alien nationalities in Germany, under the rigorous Hitlerian regime, is responsible for the movement. W. C. Hushung, national legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor, who appeared before the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, in the closing days of the last Congress, positively reaffirmed his opposition to the measure.

The matter is of pertinent interest at this time owing to the recent investigation in New York City with regard to unlawful activities of certain Communist organizations of distinctly foreign origin. The metropolis has, in fact, furnished the main motive power behind the movement to weaken the present immigration laws in the professed interest of German political refugees.

Another principal danger of the proposed disabling legislation is that it places arbitrary and practically final power in the hands of the Secretary of Labor, making discretionary with that department what had hitherto been a plain mandatory provision of Federal law. This in effect, repeats the law and leaves to bureaucratic decision the basic elements of the immigration law.

There is No Substitute for the Union Label

Well Defined Campaign Conducted by Union Labor Trades Department Prompts All Trade Unionists to Become "Union Label Conscious"

The one emblem that most truly represents the fruit of ceaseless toil and all efforts for the betterment of mankind, from Alpha to Omega, from the days of serfdom to the present advanced state of wage earners, as represented by the American Federation of Labor, is the Union Label.

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These simple truths must be plain to all who toil; their origin a part of the struggle of all wage earners and their worth apparent. Absolutely nothing has happened to detract from the meaning or the value of the Union Label.

Let us, therefore, become "Union Label conscious"; let us support, individually and collectively, with whatever buying power we may possess, Union-Made goods and Union services; let us support "our own."

Won't YOU become now and remain always a consistent supporter of this great emblem of progress? Won't YOU urge upon your family and upon your friends, the advisability of always de-

manding the Union Label? Won't YOU help make America "Union Label conscious" for your own sake, for humanity's sake?

The Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, with the earnest cooperation of local organizations throughout the country, is conducting a well-defined and greatly needed campaign in behalf of Union-made goods and Union services. Won't YOU join in the spirit of the occasion and aid in practical results by helping to make all people "Union Label conscious"?

Whatever the need in a commodity, there is a Union-Made product; whatever the need for service, there is a Union service.

Remember, there is NO substitute for the Union Label!

Automobile Industry Due for a Cleaning

President's Orders for an Investigation, Following a Study of Conditions, a Hopeful Sign There Will be Something Done

President Roosevelt has instructed the research and planning division of the NRA to make a study of the automobile industry, and determine what steps can be taken to lessen seasonal fluctuations in employment and give every auto worker the benefits of a regular and dependable yearly wage. Express instructions have been given to NRA officials in charge of the inquiry to collaborate with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This is good news, even though considerably overdue. Labor conditions in the auto industry have been a disgrace for years. With a high nominal hourly wage—high, that is, from the viewpoint of a sweatshop proprietor—automobile employment is so unstable that the yearly wages are cruelly small.

The President himself speaks of a case in which a man was paid \$10 a day—and worked 65 days in the year, and said he had been advised that average earnings in the auto industry were less than \$900 a year.

The inquiry, if pushed properly, will uncover worse cases than the one reported to the President. It will show that for year after year employment in auto factories has varied so per cent within the twelve months—and sometimes even more. It will show that the worker is required to bear, not only the cost of seasonal fluctuations, but the cost of the uncertainty of supply as well. A shortage of almost any article may "hold up the line," and when that happens, the men bear the cost, not the management.

But of more importance yet, in the long run, is the infernal speed-up system which has developed in the industry. Workers are paced by the moving belt which carries the parts which men must put together; and the belt is made to move at a rate just short of the utmost that human nature can bear.

In some cases, even this limit is passed. There are letters from auto workers showing that on a certain machine, the pace is so terrible that frequently 10 different operators try that machine within a month.

The automobile industry is long overdue for a cleaning which only absolute liberty for labor to organize in that industry can procure. A late start is better than none; but it demands a vigorous follow-up.

God Help Those Who Help Themselves

God's Garden Offers Logical Way to Relieve Government From Feeding Millions of Unemployed

Surely it is better to teach a man to swim than to carry him on your back across a broad river? Surely, also, it is better to give a man a hook and line and set him to catching fish, rather than to have to supply him with fish?

It was Franklin who sagely remarked that it were easier to build two tall chimneys than to keep one in fuel. The building of a chimney or two would some time come to an end. The supplying of fuel to even one chimney was an endless task.

It is admitted that at the height of the boom there were from 3,000,000 to 3,000,000 out of employment who could not be absorbed in industry. We now have more than trebled that number, even when we have 4,000,000 or more directly or indirectly employed through various Federal financed projects.

In the last two years, the national debt has been practically doubled. It now stands at 33 billions of dollars, as against half that sum in 1932. This condition means national bankruptcy, if it should continue.

There is but one way out of the dilemma, to fall back on the good old advice: God helps those who help themselves.

Let the idle people who are able to work be put to work to produce their own necessities. This should have been done two years ago. It is now time to admit, flat-footedly, that the National Treasury cannot support 12 millions of idle people. But the smart teams with abundance. We are living in the promised land. An experienced theory puts "manhood" and artificially-created work ahead of the simple expedient of permitting the people to help themselves, in God's garden.

The employed people must be freed of this burden of carrying the unemployed. The unemployed must be permitted to help themselves, as the pioneers did when they founded the country, conquered the wilderness, and produced abundance out of want and misery.

Majority Rule as Basic Principle

Houde Case Presents Argument Which Will Determine Rights of Workers Under Section 7 (a)

At last, the slow and deliberate wheels of justice have begun to revolve and part of the grist turned into the legal hopper is the now celebrated Houde case, so-called.

The Department of Justice, at Washington, after many months of hesitation, has instituted suit against the recalcitrant company. The issue involved is that governing the correct legal interpretation of the labor clause in the National Recovery Act. The Houde Engineering Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., is the defendant.

The plan, and also the implied provisions of Section 7 (a), are in direct controversy. The court will be asked to rule on the legal obligation of the Houde Company to deal collectively with its employees, and to join the company from bargaining with any group other than a majority of its employees. Also, to join the company from interfering with, restraining, or coercing by any means whatever, their employees who may seek to form an independent organization of their own, as distinguished from a company-fostered or controlled union.

The case directly affects the United Automobile Workers' Union, an organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, in its contest with an inside union of the Houde Company. In a shop voting election, the A. F. of L. union polled a vote of over 1100, to less than 700 for the company union, and claimed exclusive right to bargain collectively with the Houde Company. The latter resisted this claim and proceeded to recognize its company union. The issue of the right of the majority to bargain, exclusively, came to be an issue which has finally reached the courts for judicial interpretation.

Inasmuch as majority rule is a fundamental principle of our whole political system, the position of the bone idle union seems to be uncontested. Unless the courts uphold that principle, we are in for endless industrial chaos.

High Cost of Relief for Mr. Dawes

It Cost the U. S. Government \$80,000,000 to Relieve This High Class Bankrupt, Which Was Only Five Million Less Than We Granted Entire State of Illinois for 16 Months

When people complain of the high cost of relief—and it is high—ask them about the high cost of relieving Charles G. Dawes.

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The Federal government, from May 23, 1933, to October 31, 1934, put up \$85,238,448 for general relief purposes in the whole State of Illinois.

The circumstances of the Dawes loan are peculiar. Mr. Dawes was the first chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He explained that he could not hold this position permanently; but that he would give the RFC a start, and then go back to his bank. The country, in inspiring statements, was asked to congratulate itself on having such a public servant.

Mr. Dawes stayed until he got the RFC started, on the road which he wanted to go. Then he resigned, and went back to his bank. Then, in fact almost immediately, he returned to the RFC, and secured a loan of \$50,000,000 for his own embezzled bank. He walked out as a private citizen, and came back as the biggest single borrower from the institution which he had "started."

Actually, while Dawes got a loan of \$50,000,000, with great magnanimity and forbearance, he only drew \$80,000,000 of it in cash. Also, while it was called a loan, \$60,000,000 of it hasn't been paid; and RFC, under present management, is suing in the Federal courts for an installment.

Relief for Dawes, \$80,000,000 advanced, \$50,000,000 pledged.

Relief for all the rest of Illinois for 16 months, \$85,238,448.

Speaking about high costs—

ONCE MORE—OUR DECREPID HOUSING

A survey just made shows that in the lower East Side of New York, where the ground is priced as if it were carpeted with \$10 bills, 35 per cent of the area is covered by buildings valued at \$5,000 or less. Nearly all are obsolete; all ought to be torn down to make room for decent housing in place of slums. To add to the difficulties already encountered in slum clearance in this country, this land and the 2,870 buildings which occupy it are scattered among much better improved and managed property.

This report is just the latest of scores of surveys which show the all but unfillable need of housing. Sober estimates are that not more than one-third of our population are rightly housed, and that another third are lodged under conditions which are a distinct menace to their own health and the public welfare. The new interest in this basic problem is encouraging, but it will not be fully valued until it shows forth in building jobs.

"It seems to me plain that no business which depends on existence on paying less than living wages has any right to continue in this country."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"It is too late to pull the rein when the horse has gained the brink of the precipice; the time for stopping the leak is past when the vessel is in the midst of the river."—Hugo.

LABOR QUERIES

Questions and Answers on Labor: What is the Law? Why is it? What is the Stand on Problems of the Day? Is Arms and Program? Who is in the Rank of the Organized Tailors, etc., etc.

Q.—Does the Federal Government publish figures on union wage raises?
A.—Yes. The Industrial Statistics Department of Labor, first began in 1912 to collect information on wage rates. It has since then, as agreed to by organized workers and their employers and has collected, compiled and published figures since then, up to and including 1931 year 1932.

Q.—Is the labor press mentioned in the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor?
A.—The Constitution (Article II, Section 3) declares that one of the objects of this A. F. of L. is to aid and encourage the labor press in America.

Q.—How many States have ratified the Child Labor Amendment? How many more ratifications are required to make the Amendment part of the Constitution?
A.—Twenty have ratified. Sixteen more ratifications are necessary.

Q.—What is the first historical mention of the use of protective devices for the lungs of workers in dusty occupations?
A.—Crassus the Elder, Roman author, in perhaps the first to make such mention. He wrote: "Those employed in the works preparing verminous cover their faces with a leather mask, (not they may not inhale the pernicious powder, yet they can see through the mask.)"

Q.—What was the first official recognition by Congress of the principle of workmen's compensation for industrial accidents of employees of the United States?
A.—The Federal act of 1908, providing limited benefits for designated classes of employees of the United States.

Q.—How did the Secretary Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor?
A.—Mr. Morrison celebrated his 75th birthday on November 23 of this birthday.

Q.—Does organized labor favor increased payments to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration?
A.—Yes. (The recent San Francisco convention of the American Federation of Labor declared for an increase in maximum relief from the FEER.)

Q.—When was the great Pullman strike?
A.—It began May 11, 1894, and ended in July of the same year.

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Business Boom Next Year Predicted by Gen. Chas. G. Dawes

That a real business recovery is due to make itself felt during the coming Summer of 1935, the Secretary expressed opinion for former Vice-President Charles G. Dawes. He expressed his optimistic prediction on signs of an unmistakable improvement in the domestic goods line.

The domestic goods line, dependent also more in cycles, he stated, and will be the basis for the present recovery. The improvement in iron and steel production is another indication that at last the business is beginning to enter upon it. It has been past history for the last few years that the stock market and the recovery of general business have been the only factors in the kind of foreign competition as indicated by Mr. Gorman.

The effect of releasing, pent-up and accumulated demands, during the year of depression, will be sharply reflected upon the business recovery when it sets in, said Gen. Dawes.

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NEW YORK COURT HOLDS UNION SHOP IS LEGAL UNDER NRA SECTION 7a

Nullification of Collective Bargaining Section Would Mean Industrial Chaos, Justice Black of the Supreme Court Ruled in Doll Workers' Case—Decision Based on Case of Clinton Firm, Against Whom Union Employees Asked Injunction.

New York City, Dec. 14 (ILNS)—Legality of a union shop agreement was upheld today by the United States Supreme Court in a decision which means that the National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA) is not unconstitutional. The court ruled in favor of the Doll Manufacturing Company, which had been sued by the United Textile Workers of America for its union shop agreement.

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Will Come From Washington to Address First Gathering of Massachusetts Textile Workers Since General Organizing Campaign Started More Than a Year Ago, Which Resulted in Adding More Than 600,000 to Roll

Webster, Massachusetts, Dec. 14—December 23rd will be a gala day in the annals of Central Massachusetts. It will mark the coming of Frank J. Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America, to address the first gathering of Massachusetts textile workers since the general organizing campaign started more than a year ago, which resulted in adding more than 600,000 to the roll.

Three-quarters of a million textile workers participated in the coming Webster meeting. Organized Joseph J. Gorman, a Labor News representative that much difficulty had been experienced in getting Mr. Gorman to come to Massachusetts at this time, because of the multiple duties he is called upon to perform at the Washington office.

However, as the result of much pressure, it having been pointed out to him that the 15,000 workers in this district are extremely anxious to meet him, he finally consented to do so. Preceding the mass meeting in the Auditorium, there will be a big parade in which all members of the three Webster locals, and all visiting locals, will participate.

The parade will be headed by a band, and the committee in charge of arrangements is sparing no means to make the affair one of the largest and most successful Labor demonstrations held in this vicinity.

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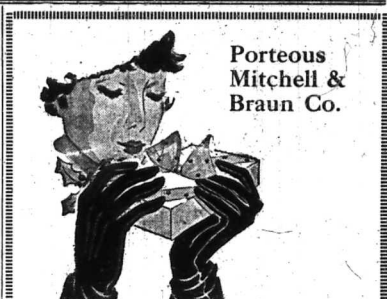
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Theatrical Employees Honor Memory of Deceased Secretary

Springfield, Massachusetts, Dec. 14—Delegates who attended the annual convention of the New England Conference of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators, held in the Bridgeway Hotel, in Springfield, on Sunday, December 16, honored the memory of William A. Dillon, former secretary of the organization and New England representative of the Alliance, with the adoption of resolutions, these to be inscribed on a scroll.

In discussing the resolutions, delegates who had been closely associated with Mr. Dillon, and who were conversant with the valuable services he had rendered the organization for many years, were most liberal in their

praises of the deceased. Mr. Dillon died suddenly in Providence last summer, while crossing the street near his automobile, on his way to reach his home in Fall River, following a conference with Herbert Blair, business agent for Providence Motion Picture Operators' Local 223.

According to President John E. Hauser and Secretary John Murphy, who represented Worcester Local 96 at the convention, matters discussed were of utmost importance to the industry, principal among the resolutions being one that instructed the organization's legislative committee to continue its efforts towards the removal of restrictions against Sunday shows.

This, it is said, would prove of material benefit to a large number of members throughout the New England States, who have been the recipients of little work during the past four or five years.

were Vice-President Louis Crouse, of the International Alliance, who gave a minute explanation of the code adopted for the industry, and who readily answered many important questions which had proven troublesome to the members in different localities.

Also present was General Secretary Fred J. Dempsey and Vice-President Richard Walsh, who delivered forceful addresses.

Fred J. Newcomb, of Theatrical Stage Employees' Local 25 of Providence, was named secretary of the convention, and is acting as New England representative for the Alliance to fill out the unexpired term caused by the death of the late William A. Dillon. The election will be held next June.

Springfield Locals 53 and 186 were hosts to the delegates during the convention.

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Street Car Employees Plan Big Annual Dance in February

One of the major social events in Lewiston for the winter season, and which is attracting city-wide interest, is the annual concert, entertainment and ball sponsored by Division 721, Street Railway Employees' Union. President Robert E. Goddard states that the affair will be held in February, but that the date and place are yet to be decided upon by the committee of arrangements.

Last year's program was enjoyed by more than 700 persons, who crowded the City Hall auditorium. It is the intention of the committee to make this year's attraction the best ever. Those in charge of arrangements, in addition to Brother E. Goddard, are Henry Strals, who is to be floor manager; Thomas McDonough, Dana McCarthy and John Galtier.

Lloyd Raffaeli and his Georgian orchestra, which made such a big hit last year's social, will be engaged to furnish music. It is also proposed to engage many well known entertainers, these including Jane Raffaeli, Mrs. Anna Deshaies and Lucien LeBlanc singers. Miss Evelyn Hyer, dancer Robert Constantine Rivard, dancers Tickets for the social will soon be made available to the general public. The fund raised through this annual gathering will be used to help needy members, for sick relief and other worthy purposes.

The complete program will appear in the January issue of The Labor News.

Printers Urge Locals to Have Union Label On Their Printing

Members of the Printing Pressmen's Union, No. 261, and of Typographical Union, wish to call the attention of members of other organizations to the fact that some of the printing for the Lewiston unions does not bear the union label.

In the opinion of one member, who felt that there is a union label shop in Lewiston, operated by Tufts Brothers, which is the only fully accredited union label shop in the city. Craftsmen in the printing trade believe that the interests of organized labor in Lewiston and Kennebec County can best be served by having all organization printing carry the union label. Let's start the New Year right this member says, by seeing to it that needed, in this matter no longer be allowed to continue.

Work Done on New Lincoln Store by Union Mechanics

The new Lincoln Store, recently opened on Lisbon street, was constructed entirely by union labor. Officials of the building trades unions of Lewiston are commending the management of this chain department store for having done everything possible to work in harmony with the local organizations during the erection of its fine new edifice.

In this latest addition, Lisbon street's fast-growing modernized business section provided employment during the summer, all month for a goodly number of Carpenters, Painters, Decorators, Plumber, Electricians and other mechanics.

The store is being well patronized by union men and their families.

Business School Shows Gain in Enrollments

The Auburn Maine School of Commerce had a 100 per cent increase in enrollment for the first semester, which comes to an end next week, and officials of the institution expect that the winter term, opening December 31st, will also set a new record for enrollment.

This commercial school, featuring all the latest courses in thorough business training, is conducted under the direction of Mrs. Agnes S. Seavey, well known as a leader of commercial education in Maine.

Steckino's Cater to Organization Banquets

Working men who enjoy a "good square meal" and a choice of the best variety of Italian and American food are welcoming the recent opening of Steckino's Italian-American Restaurant on Middle street. The best ale and lager on draught can also be obtained here. Organizations can make reservations for the spacious dining room, for the holding of banquets or small parties.

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MADISON 20 TEXTILE COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED AT MONTHLY MEETING OF MAINE TEXTILE COUNCIL, HELD IN I. O. O. F. HALL DEC. 8

The monthly meeting of the Maine Textile Council, held in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Saturday, December 8th, was attended by delegates from the largest and most important textile communities in the state.

There were 20 textile communities represented by nearly 100 delegates, and while the reports submitted by some of the communities were anything but encouraging, for the most part relations with mill owners, agents and superintendents were improved to some extent, and that progress is being made in bringing about more cordial relations through conferences between union officials and management.

A special feature of the meeting was the introduction of a resolution by the Legislative Committee, which provides for the election of delegates to the labor unions to picket plants during strikes. There is no law covering this question in Maine, and the resolution stated, necessarily for such a law was fully demonstrated during the general strike because of the manner in which certain judges arrogated to themselves the power to discriminate by unfair means in the absence of statutes bearing on this subject.

The Committee on Relief reported having been successful in obtaining relief for needy members who are victims of discrimination by unscrupulous bosses because of their active participation in the recent general textile strike.

The installation of officers will be held at the next conference, in Brunswick in January.

Madison Local 2229 did itself proud as host to the delegates at the conclusion of the conference. A sumptuous dinner was served, followed by an entertainment and dance in which members, wives and friends of the local participated, and which lasted until 12 o'clock.

The first annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, George J. Clark; first vice-president, Donald P. Clark; second vice-president, Martin Welch; third vice-president, Henry Mori, Brunswick 2225; recording secretary, James George, Waterville 795; financial secretary, Albert Groux, Waterville 795; treasurer, John Thibodeau, Fairfield 1216; and warden, Frank Gifford, Saco 1222.

Organizer, Bernard Eshaya, Waterville 1202.

Trustees—Frank Paquette, Leroy 1210; and Jerry Coughlin.

Press Committee—George J. Clark, Brunswick 2225; James George, Waterville 795; Lester Cowan, Clarence Cookson, Albert Groux, Elizabeth M. Douy and Albert Leonard.

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GOOD RESULTS ANTICIPATED FROM INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY GOVT ON DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST WORKERS

By GEORGE JABOR, Organizer for United Textile Workers of America.

The visit of the Governor to Waterville on discrimination charges in the cotton mills in different parts of the State has, up to this writing, brought the following results:

A signed statement by the agent of the Lincolnville Mill Co. of Lincolnville, that all employees not now working but that as soon as business improves all workers formerly employed will be taken back, regardless of their union affiliation. There were 50 workers who were not re-hired after the strike.

Only one worker was not taken back in the Ames Abbot mill in Dexter, but this concern also signed a statement that the reason for this was the fact that his machines are not in operation at the present time and that he will be re-hired when they resume operation.

The statement of the management of the Oldtown Woolen Co. in Oldtown, is the most ridiculous of all thus far reported. Some of the reasons given as to why they have not re-hired the strikers are as follows: Unfriendly, incompetent, that "one has enough money and doesn't need the work, others can not make minimum wages called for under the NRA and still others are trouble-makers."

It is most peculiar that they never thought of these charges against the workers, some of whom have worked years, but seem to have arisen since these workers had the courage to go out on strike with their fellow workers in other parts of the State. There seems to be in that mill a family who has for their father a boss weaver, and who has seen to it that his sons and daughters and in-laws got all the best of everything and naturally they were the only ones who did not heed the call of their fellow workers to strike, but stayed in the mill at the request of their boss and who, I believe, is or has been the cause of the strikers in the weaver room not being taken back to work.

THE HIGH COST OF STRIKEBREAKING WAS BEST DEMONSTRATED IN THE RAILROAD SHOP STRIKE OF 1922

Figures Compiled Shortly After Strike, But Only Recently Made Public, Show It to Have Cost Railroads Enormous Sum of \$90,000,000, With \$1,222,639 Spent by Government on Extra Deputies and Other Expenses.

Costs in most strikes are never computed. But in some, figures reported by the railroad shop strikers of 1922 show that the cost of strikebreaking was so great that the railroad shopmen's strike of 1922 cost the railroads \$90,000,000.

Before that strike was 48 hours old, the railroads were ordering wages to strikebreakers (that is, the case for their regular workmen prior to the strike. The average wage of shopmen was 21 cents an hour. The railroad labor board cut this to an average of 6 cents, and that cut was partly the cause of the strike. But the strike came July 1, and that month the railroads were paying 16 cents an hour for strikebreakers. In August it went to 79 cents and in September to 80 cents.

The labor for which the railroads were paying these wages was far inferior to their regular working force to which they had refused any concessions. The New York Times described a large group of strikebreakers in that struggle as:

A precious crew of thugs, gunmen, card sharks, second-story men and ex-boxing boys, sought after and well paid by all the rival strikebreaking organizations. They sought, detective agencies, lake industrial bureau, and the employment bureau.

The Times writer may have been too severe in his criticisms, but this was proved to be true when the strikebreakers could not do the work. While costs of shop repairs went down, conditions of equipment went down. Two months after the strike began, the conditions of the equipment were such that the railroads had to spend \$1,222,639 on extra deputies and other expenses. And neither do these figures take account of damage to property, claims for damages, of several other items of strike-breaking.

Finally, strike breaking, as a sport for financial gain, is much more costly than job, and may be on a par with yacht racing in most cases. The expense of strikebreaking is charged up to that inevitable goal, the ultimate success. If notice could be served on the railroads and the cost not be allowed to pay for a gas house, a machine gun or a supply, strikebreaking would lose its charm.

Textile barons seek added protection for industry to make up for losses sustained through various causes.

The cotton textile industry in this country is seriously threatened by foreign competition. This is made possible by the extremely low wage scales and the lower standard of living of those who produce textiles abroad at a price which practically shuts out American manufacturers.

Mr. Sloan, president of the Cotton Textile Institute, gave out some important facts at the annual meeting of that organization recently held in New York City. To regain our export trade, said Mr. Sloan, it would be necessary to have active cooperation on the part of our Government.

It was stated that the year 1923 and the first half of the present year, would show a profit for the industry which suffered a loss of \$5 million in 1922. It was added, however, that the balance of the present year would probably be disappointing. This was due to fear of the loss of the market position of codes, the processing tax and the loss of the export markets. All of the processing tax, which has been the effect of greatly increasing the price of the raw staple to the manufacturers, it was declared that this factor had caused the loss of manufactured goods out of proportion and had consequently curtailed the market for cotton textiles.

Mr. Sloan might have added to his list of reasons for the loss of trade the strained relations which exist between the general strike in the industry, but which retarded production caused by the antagonistic attitude maintained by many employers toward their organized employees since the strike was terminated.

Intelligent employers learned long ago the importance of a good labor policy. They are now a disintegrated and disgraced force of workers. Perhaps Mr. Sloan and those who represent employers who have as yet been so much concerned with the New Deal, learn this themselves some time but they should remember that delays are dangerous.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH OF UNITED TEXTILE WORKERS NOW LOCATED IN NEW QUARTERS IN PROVIDENCE

A brand new office, with all apparatus for doing a "whole" of business, and located in one of the busiest business districts of Providence, marked a new departure in the New England branch of the United Textile Workers of America during the week.

In its last issue, The Labor News announced that the New England headquarters would be moved from Pawtucket to Providence, although at that time no decision had been made as to the exact location. It was at first thought quarters would be in the office and retail district, but it was finally decided to select quarters near the railroad station and bus terminals.

The new quarters, which are located on the fifth floor of the building at 35 Fountain street, consist of three rooms, one being used as a general office, with two rooms in the rear, but fronting on the main street, that are used as private offices and for conference purposes.

In charge of the office is General Organizer Joseph Sylvia, from which vantage point he supervises the activities of more than 150 local unions in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Central Massachusetts, numbering more than 35,000 members.

In this work, Mr. Sylvia is assisted by Organizers Ira H. Dickens, in charge of the Central Massachusetts area, William Clark, in charge of the printing and finishing department, Frank Scambell, general department, William Blagden, who has charge of

organizing work in Connecticut; Adair Dingras, woolen department; Joseph Gray, now assisting Organizer Dickens, and Miss Elizabeth Nord, who supervises silk and rayon locals. In charge of office work is Miss Louise Sullivan of Wollumantic, who is now making her home in Providence. She is assisted by Miss Gertrude Donnelly of Pawtucket, who is the daughter of Louis Donnelly, who until he went into business on his own account, had for many years been prominently identified with textile unions in Pawtucket.

While in the New England district, Vice-President, Horace A. Riviere makes his headquarters in the Providence office, from which he directs the affairs of the entire New England States, as the representative of the Executive Council of the U. T. W.

All connected with the offices are greatly pleased over the new quarters, which besides being more centrally located, are larger and more commodious than were the rooms at 23 Broad street in Pawtucket, which had been occupied for several years.

They are accessible to railroad and bus terminals, a point greatly appreciated by the force of organizers when going to and from headquarters.

"Stretch-out" On a 150-Loom Basis for Southern Workers

Textile workers in North and South find interest in the declaration of the American Wool and Cotton Institute, "Monthly Review," published in its issue of October 19, in which it says: "There isn't any such thing as a stretch-out system in the textile industry."

In the issue of October 25 it calls for still more stretch-out, saying: "Our objective should be to get every mill in the country to operate on a basis of 150 looms per spindle." This refers to the spinning rooms. For the weaving rooms, it says: "Our objective should be to get the whole industry onto the 150-loom basis."

Gorman Sees Move Toward New Crisis in Textile Industry

Textile employers were accused during the strike of France of "stretching out" the work of their employees, and the American director of the United Textile Workers of America, of "stretching out" their power to produce a new crisis in the industry.

After great study, the industry should cease its ancient feuds and develop a cooperative friendly attitude. "We should be glad to cooperate both the day of giving out an account of strength for textile production and the day of giving out a list of reasons for the loss of trade to the industry."

German information followed criticism of the industry. Arthur Hesse, chairman of the Wool Cattle and Sheep Raisers' Association of Massachusetts, said that the industry was "stretching out" its power to produce a new crisis in the industry.

Present at the meeting and who participated in the activities were the General Organizer Joseph Sylvia, of the U. T. W., and a Secretary Clarence F. Burgess of the Maine State Federation of Labor, who delivered interesting addresses and answered numerous questions concerning points over which there is contention regarding working conditions.

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A lengthy discussion ensued over plans for future social activities, and a program to be outlined by the entertainment committee will be submitted for action at the next meeting.

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MERRY-MERRY CHRISTMAS

At the annual supper and dance held by the business and labor of Pittsfield U. T. W. Local 2259 on Thursday evening, December 13th, and the committee of arrangements, were pleased for the first and previous efforts in making the social features popular by the Local such as to attract large numbers of members, who as a result are maintaining active interest in the work.

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